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| Characters and Phrases  Xiang3 av. To miss, to think , to believe, to wish, to want Radical- 心  思想 – thought, idea 想起- to recall | Yao4 av. Important, vital, to want  Radical- xia  不要- must not |
| Meaning and Grammar  他明年想去中国.  He wants to go to China next year. It is a wish, but he might not go.  我想妈妈. I miss mom.  S + A + V + O. | 他明年要去中国.  He is going to China next year based on what has been planned.  我要妈妈. I want mom.  S + A + V + O. |
| Summarization  When you use xiang3, it is expressing a wish to do something, or how you feel about something. | When you use yao4, you’re expressing something that will happen, or a want for something. |
| Question  Can xiang3 and yao4 ever be interchanged with each other? | Can xiang3 and yao4 ever be interchanged with each other? |